



SPE South Texas Section (STX) Support for Education

Greater than 60% of South Texas Section's Budget supports education initiatives in the South Texas Section and with 9 Universities who have Polymer Programs in Texas. This year, the budget is \$79,000

Education Programs

- 1) \$3,500 in **scholarships** per year for each school (9 schools -- **\$31,500**)
- 2) This year there will be an **additional \$10,000** in **scholarships** for the largest and most active student chapters.
- 3) 11 **Endowments** administered by the Universities to provide scholarships for students in the polymer programs (\$300,000 since roughly 1975)
- 4) \$1,200/yr to support the **SPE student chapters (\$10,800**)
- 5) **SPE International Polyolefin Conference** -- Free lodging and registration for roughly 40 students from the 9 supported universities, student dinner, \$9,000 in Student Scholarships, and \$1,000 for poster awards
- 6) **Equipment grants** for polymer programs at the 9 Universities (0-\$30,000)
- 7) Scholarships for children of active SPE South Texas members (\$2,500 each up to \$15,000)
- 8) **Science Fair** awards for deserving projects having to do with plastics (Budget \$3,500)

STX supports the following Universities that have SPE Student Chapters **Baylor University**

Lamar University

University of North Texas

Texas A&M University

Texas State University

Texas Tech University

Texas State Technical College at Harlingen

University of Houston

Rice University



South Texas Section Endowments

School	Name of the Endowment
Texas State	Bounita Favorite
Texas Tech	Mark Demark
University of North Texas	Don Witenhafer
Lamar University	Bill Kuhlke
Texas A&M	Dale Walker Henry Kahn
University of Texas	Marion Johnson Larry Holmes
University of Houston	Frank Padula Bill & Suzanne Diecks
Baylor University	Walter Bradley

Faculty Advisors for SPE Student Chapters

Schools	STX Liaison
Rice University	Rafael Verduzco
University of Texas A&M	Michael Dimitriyev
Baylor University	David Jack
Texas Tech University	Wei Li
Texas State Tech Inst. @Harlingen	Francisco Garcia
Lamar University	Paul Bernazzani
University of North Texas	Sheldon Shi
Texas State University	Yucheng Yuan
University of Houston	Megan Robertson

STX Liaisons for SPE Student Chapters

Schools	STX Liaison
Rice University	Jason Ball
University of Texas A&M	David Hansen
Baylor University	Jeff Applegate
Texas Tech University	Peter Lauzon
Texas State Tech Inst. @Harlingen	Tom Bell
Lamar University	Rommel Hariprashad
University of North Texas	Michael Workman
Texas State University	James Egbu
University of Houston	David Hansen

Top SPE Student Chapters in the US

2019 Recipients

1st Place Baylor 2nd Texas A&M

3rd Ferris State Univ & Imperial College

Honorable Mention: San Jose State

2018 Recipients

1st Pennsylvania College of Technology 2nd Baylor

3rd Imperial College

Honorable Mention: Texas A&M and University of Connecticut

2017 Recipients

1st Place Baylor 2nd Place University of Wisconsin Madison 3rd Place University of Akron

2016 Recipients

1st Place University of UConn 2nd Place Baylor

3rd Place Texas A&M

2015 Recipients

1st Place University of Wisconsin-Madison

2nd Place Penn State Erie

3rd Place tie Texas A&M and Baylor

Honorable Mention: UCONN

2014 Recipients

1st Place University of Wisconsin-Madison

2nd Place Texas A&M

3rd Place University of Wisconsin-Stout





Bill & Suzanne Diecks Endowment

For Bill & Suzanne's remarkable and dedication contributions to the SPE South Texas Section and their love of the University of Houston

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Bill and Suzanne Diecks \$25,000 Endowment to UofH

Bill Diecks

- ▶ 40+yrs with STX
- ▶ IPOC Chair
- Sponsorships
- President STX
- STX Golf outings
- Strong advocate for Education
- SPE Outstanding Achievement Award 2018
- Hall of Fame Polyolefins Conference Service Award (2014)
- UH athletic supporter



Hall of Fame Service Award

Is Hereby Awarded to
Bill Diecks



contributions to the SPE International Polyotefant Conference for over 35

wers. Bill has served as Conference Calmann, Sponnenhigh Commercial
Chairman, and Recruiter of pleasy speakers and volunteers only to mention a few. For the last 14 years Bill and
his wide Suzame have been the containing and core of the Polyotefant Conference Cognitizing and they have bee
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Suzanne Diecks

- 20+ yrs with STX
- ▶ IPOC Chair 2004&2005
- Administrator/Registration for STX & IPOC
- Webmaster
- Sponsorships
- STX Golf outings
- Strong advocate for Education
- Hall of Fame Polyolefins Conference Service Award (2014)
- ► UH Graduate & athletic supporter

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If you are interested in joining the STX Educational Committee, please contact

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